

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 407
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A RESOLUTION relative to the inclusion of segments of two county roads in Macon County within the state highway system.

WHEREAS, the Macon County Highway Department presently operates and maintains a system of 676 miles of county roads; and

WHEREAS, many of these county roads traverse hills, bluffs, and creeks, which contributes greatly to the difficulty of maintaining such roads; and

WHEREAS, many of these county roads as of yet have not been paved or ditched; and

WHEREAS, the improvements being made by the Department of Transportation to State Route 52 in Macon County, which runs east/west through the county, have diverted large sections of roads to be maintained by the Macon County Highway Department; and

WHEREAS, an approximate ten (10) mile segment of Williams/Akersville Road and an approximate seven (7) mile segment of Rocky Mound Road in Macon County are both heavily traveled and meet the criteria established by the Department of Transportation for designation as a state highway; and

WHEREAS, Macon County, unlike many other counties, already levies a tax for highways, and recent improvements to the school system have forced large increases in the county tax rate; and

WHEREAS, without relief from the state in assuming the maintenance of certain routes, Macon County will be hard pressed to adequately fund and operate a continued program of improvements for county roads; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That this General Assembly urges and encourages the Department of Transportation to include the following segments of two (2) county roads in Macon County within the state highway system and to assume maintenance of such routes:

- (1) the approximate ten (10) mile segment of Williams/Akersville Road as a continuation of State Route 262 North to the Tennessee-Kentucky state boundary; and
- (2) the approximate seven (7) mile segment of Rocky Mound Road as a continuation of State Route 141 North.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.